

Claims 1-20 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Reynolds et al. (USP 6,411,993). Applicant submits the following in traversal of the rejection.

Claim 1

Claim 1 recites "...providing a functional layer for interfacing over a network with the user via a user interface and interfacing with a data repository containing a plurality of content entities, the functional layer comprising a plurality of function modules..." The Examiner states at page 6 of the final Office Action that a contributor can create new material based on existing material using a plurality of tools, such as derivation, linking and editing tools, citing col. 7, lines 1-13 in support. The Examiner then asserts that Reynolds discloses a functional layer comprising a plurality of functions modules and states that "these tools correspond to [a] plurality of modules that handle different function[s]."

However, Reynolds discloses that the plurality of tools disclosed at col. 7, lines 1-13, such as the derivation tool 132, the linking tool 134, and the editing tool 136, all reside in Ibook client 60 (the user) as shown in Fig. 3. Since the tools reside with the client 60 (user), it is respectfully submitted that those tools do not reside on "a functional layer for interfacing over a network with a user via a user interface," as required by claim 1. Therefore, Reynolds does not anticipate claim 1.

Claim 1 further recites "...a data repository containing a plurality of content entities...each module for executing a function pertaining to the creation or manipulation of a compilation of content **selected from the plurality of content entities** by the user..." Even assuming that the web pages of Reynolds, stored in database 76, correspond to a plurality of

content entities, as asserted in the Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that Reynolds does not disclose that a compilation of content (allegedly the contents of database 76 or even a derivation disclosed at col. 7, lines 1-13) is selected from the plurality of content entities (the web pages stored in the database) by the user.

The Examiner asserts that when a contributor derives information from content contributed by others, the contributor uses a derivation tool 132, and the result or derived content must be in the form of compilation of content.

It is respectfully submitted that Reynolds does not disclose that materials derived from information stored in database 76 are selected by a user to create database 76. Rather, Reynolds merely discloses that “[d]erivation tool 132 is used to create material based on existing material.” However, it is respectfully submitted that Reynolds does not disclose that the existing material selected to create a derivation is selected from the web pages stored in database 76.

For at least these reasons, claim 1 and its dependent claims should be deemed patentable. Independent claims 6 and 11 recite similar limitations to those discussed above, and hence, are patentable, along with the claims that depend therefrom, for at least the same reasons.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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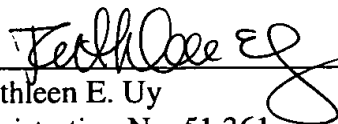
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